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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August, 1984:—

BILL No. XXII OF 1984

A Bill to prohibit eve-teasing in the Union territory of Delhi and to provide for matters connected therewith

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (*1*) This Act may be called the Delhi Prohibition of Eve-teasing Act, 1984.

(*2*) It extends to the whole of the Union territory of Delhi.

(*3*) It shall come into force on such date as the Administrator of the Union territory of Delhi may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Offence of eve-teasing.

2. Whoever intending to annoy any woman, utters any word, makes any sound or gesture or exhibits any object or does any other act, in or near any public place, intending that such word or sound shall be heard or that such gesture or object shall be seen or that such act shall be noticed or felt, by such woman, commits the offence of eve-teasing.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section—

(*a*) "public place" includes any conveyance in a public place;

(b) "woman" denotes a female human being of any age.

Penalty for the offence of eve-teasing.

3. (1) Whoever commits the offence of eve-teasing shall be punishable with imprisonment which shall not be less than seven days but which may extend to fifteen days and shall also be liable to fine:

Provided that the court may, for adequate and special reasons to be mentioned in the judgment, impose a sentence of imprisonment for less than seven days.

(2) Whoever, having been convicted of the offence of eve-teasing, is again convicted of such offence, shall, for every subsequent offence, be punishable with imprisonment which shall not be less than fifteen days but which may extend to one month and shall also be liable to fine:

Provided that the court may, for adequate and special reasons to be mentioned in the judgment, impose a sentence of imprisonment for less than fifteen days.

Offence to be cognizable and non-bailable.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, an offence under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable.

Power of court to try cases summarily.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, an offence under this Act shall be tried in a summary way by a Metropolitan Magistrate and the provisions of sections 262 to 265 (both inclusive) of the said Code shall, so far as may be, apply to such trial. 2 of 1974.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Of late, there has been a great increase in the complaints of eve-teasing especially at public places in the Union territory of Delhi and the existing statutory provisions have been found to be inadequate for curbing this growing menace effectively. The Metropolitan Council of Delhi has, therefore, recommended the enactment of a special legislation for tackling this social problem more effectively.

The Bill, apart from defining the offence of eve-teasing, proposes to make the offence cognizable and non-bailable and empowers the trial of this offence in a summary way in the interests of speedy justice.

NEW DELHI;
The 21st August, 1984.

P. VENKATASUBBAIAH.

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